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Title of Invention: Skin External Agent for whitening

Disclosure A: (page 2, left column, lines 1 to 19)

" [Claims]

[Claim 1] An external agent for skin whitening characterized in that an extract from a plant of the genus andrographis in the family Acanthaceae is blended.

[Claim 2] The external agent for skin whitening according to claim 1 wherein the plant of the genus andrographis in the family Acanthaceae is Sambiloto (bitanical name: Andrographis panicutata).

[Claim 3] The external agent for skin whitening according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the plant of the genus andrographis in the family Acanthaceae is blended in an amount of  $0.005 \sim 20.0$  % by weight.

[Detailed Explanation of Invention]

[0001]

[Field industrially utilizable]

The present invention relates to an external agent for skin whitening blending an extract from a plant of the genus andrographis in the family Acanthaceae, which is useful in inhibition of the formation melanin and in prevention and improvement of pigmentation, freckleas, liver spots and the like after sunburn."